

Senate Bill No. 1621

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Sections 44325 and 44329 of the Education Code, relating to credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1621, Machado. Teacher credentialing: district interns.

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, until January 1, 2008, to issue district intern credentials authorizing persons employed by any school district to provide classroom instruction to pupils with mild and moderate disabilities in special education classes.

This bill would require the commission to participate in a pilot program, which may include the San Joaquin County Office of Education and up to 5 school districts or consortia, to provide teacher preparation programs for teachers of pupils with disabilities in special education classes and would authorize the commission to issue district intern credentials authorizing participants in the programs to provide classroom instruction to pupils with disabilities in special education classes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44325 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44325. (a) The Commission on Teacher Credentialing shall issue district intern credentials authorizing persons employed by a school district that maintains kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or that maintains classes in bilingual education to provide classroom instruction to pupils in those grades and classes in accordance with the requirements of Section 44830.3. The commission, until January 1, 2008, also shall issue district intern credentials authorizing persons employed by a school district to provide classroom instruction to pupils with mild and moderate disabilities in special education classes, in accordance with the requirements of Section 44830.3.

(b) Each district intern credential is valid for a period of two years. However, a credential may be valid for three years if the intern is participating in a program that leads to the attainment of



a specialist credential to teach pupils with mild and moderate disabilities, or four years if the intern is participating in a program that leads to the attainment of both a multiple subject or single subject teaching credential and a specialist credential to teach pupils with mild and moderate disabilities. Upon the recommendation of the school district, the commission may grant a one-year extension of the district intern credential.

(c) The commission shall require each applicant for a district intern credential to demonstrate that he or she meets all of the following minimum qualifications for that credential:

(1) The possession of a baccalaureate degree conferred by a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education.

(2) The successful passage of the state basic skills proficiency test administered under Sections 44252 and 44252.5.

(3) The successful completion of the appropriate subject matter examination administered by the commission, or a commission-approved subject matter preparation program for the subject areas in which the district intern is authorized to teach.

(4) The oral language component of the assessment program leading to the bilingual-crosscultural language and academic development certificate for persons seeking a district intern credential to teach bilingual education classes.

(d) The commission shall apply the requirements of Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341 to each applicant for a district intern credential.

(e) The commission shall, until January 1, 2008, participate in a pilot program, which may include the San Joaquin County Office of Education and up to five school districts or consortia approved by the commission, to provide teacher preparation programs for teachers of pupils with disabilities in special education classes. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the commission shall issue district intern credentials authorizing participants in the approved programs to provide classroom instruction to pupils with disabilities in special education classes, in accordance with the requirements of Section 44830.3.

SEC. 2. Section 44329 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44329. On or before January 1, 2007, the commission shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that summarizes the regulations adopted by the commission to expand statewide the



issuance of district intern certificates that authorize classroom instruction to pupils with mild and moderate disabilities and the pilot program established by subdivision (e) of Section 44325. The report shall also analyze the effectiveness of persons who hold those certificates.



Approved _____, 2004

Governor

